workers/union on the pay scale of the teachers engaged in educating the children of the coal workers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) No, Sir. However there have been discussion from time to time between BCCL and the coal workers/unions about grants to private schools run by managing committees, where children of coal workers study.

(b) Does not arise.

Build, own and operate scheme by CIL

1779. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Ltd. (CIL) had a proposal to implement "build, own and operate" scheme;

(b) if so, the response made by the private sector to that scheme;

(c) whether Coal India Ltd. has drawn up any other scheme towards privatisation; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE iOF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir. Coal India Limited (CIL) has decided to set up coal washeries and also captive power plants on "build, own and operate" basis.

(b) CIL, had received good response to several occasions from the private sector against tenders floated on "build, own and operate" scheme for setting up captive power plants. The response to the tenders for the washeries under "build, own and operate" scheme was inadequate. For coal washeries global tender has now been invited.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Development of open cast coal mines

1780. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have taken steps for the development of some open cast coal mines which have been developed so far;

(c) whether Government have taken any steps for the development of open cast coal mines at Ib Valley and Talcher Coalfields Ltd. under Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL); and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. 59 opencast coal mining projects (each costing Rs. 20 crores and above have been sanctioned in Coal India Limited with a total sanctioned cost of Rs. 9570 crores and ultimate production capacity of 160.89 million tonnes per annum. Of these, 32 projects have been completed and 27 are in various stages of implementation in the different coal companies (including Mahanadi Coalfields Limited)

(c) and (d) In Talcher Ib Valley coalfields under the jurisdiction of Mahanadi Coalfields Limited there are 14 opencast coal mining projects completed and ongoing) with a total investment of 1733.91 crores and ultimate production capacity of 39.30 million tonnes per annum.

Weighment of Coal despatched by rail to power houses

1781. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in a meeting, presided by the erstwhile Minister of Energy, held on 22nd December, 1986, the Chairman, Coal India Ltd, Railway Board's Director (Traffic) and the Chairman of power utility were present;

(b) whether it is also a fact that it was decided in that meeting that in case collieries did not have any weighment facilities at sidings, the payment of coal would be adjusted as per weighment carried out in the power house weigh bridges;;

(c) if so, how much percentage of coal despatched by rail to power houses during the financial year 1993-94 were actually weighed at Colliery weighbridges, company-wise break-up; and